

across the nation for this momentous occasion. We are very fortunate to live in a country that is rich with diversity and culture including a thriving Greek-American community. The Pan Icarian Brotherhood has passed down Greek traditions and practices. Greek-Americans have made invaluable contributions to their communities throughout the United States by participating in community service, social groups and sharing their history.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of the Pan Icarian Brotherhood of America on the occasion of their 106th Supreme Convention in Cleveland, Ohio and in recognition of the significant contributions Greek-Americans have made to our country.

#### HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE OF STAN SYGITOWICZ

##### HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Madam Speaker, after nearly 25 years of service on the Sedro-Woolley Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, Chair Stanley Sygitowicz will retire June 18 from the board.

Throughout his tenure on the board, Mr. Sygitowicz had a particular passion for ensuring that SWHA housing was updated and improved to the best possible standards. Over the past decade alone, the housing authority invested more than \$1.6 million in capital improvements to ensure that our low-income neighbors—be they families, seniors or people with disabilities—live in high quality affordable housing.

At Hillview, SWHA's 60-unit mid-rise for seniors and individuals with disabilities, Mr. Sygitowicz was regularly known to go above and beyond the duties of his board membership. He always made sure he knew each resident personally, and for many years, he organized an annual holiday party for the building. He exemplified and fostered a spirit of community.

For his commitment to the vulnerable residents of Sedro-Woolley, I offer my sincere congratulations to Mr. Sygitowicz, whose cheerful, easy-going manner belied a quarter century of can-do leadership and dedicated community service. He leaves a legacy of caring and high standards that few can match.

IN HONOR OF DR. BRUCE GRUBE

##### HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the achievements of Dr. Bruce Grube, an educator and leader whose impact extends far beyond the confines of any college campus. After serving since 1999 as the 11th president of Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA, Dr. Grube has announced his retirement set to commence at the end of this month.

Prior to his ten-year tenure at Georgia Southern, Dr. Bruce Grube gained a wealth of experience serving at multiple schools across

the country. Not only was he the president of St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, Minnesota, but he was also the provost at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona and Colorado State University in Pueblo. In the classroom, Dr. Grube earned the admiration and respect from colleagues and students alike, imparting his knowledge as a professor of political science on countless undergraduates. As an undergraduate himself, Dr. Grube attended the University of California in Berkeley, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. He followed his studies with a PhD in Government from the University of Texas in Austin.

In the larger community, Dr. Bruce Grube has been a prolific public speaker at national conferences and has been published in myriad academic journals, including *The Journal of Politics* and *The American Political Science Review*. He is an active member in community, national, and international organizations including Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Delta, and the Golden Key Honor Societies, to name a few. In addition, Dr. Bruce Grube participates in an array of professional associations including the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association for State Colleges and Universities, and the American Association of University Administrators, among others.

Dr. Grube's upcoming retirement can only be described as bittersweet. During his tenure as President at Georgia Southern University, enrollment increased 22.7 percent to a record 17,764 students. Two colleges were founded during his term; the College of Information Technology and the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health. Various new degree programs were initiated. For example, it is now possible to receive a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, a Masters of Public Health, a Doctorate in Psychology, or partake in the web-based Masters in Business Administration program. He also began extensive academic, housing, athletic, and administrative renovation projects totaling more than \$150 million.

Dr. Bruce Grube will continue as a professor of Political Science for the 2010-2011 academic year and as a mentor and consultant to up-and-coming university presidents within the University System of Georgia. However, his time as president of Georgia Southern University will not be forgotten.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of H.R. 2647, The National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010.

Project Name: Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility  
Amount: \$3,660,000

Requested By: ROBERT J. WITTMAN (VA-01)  
Account: Military Construction (MCN)

Intended Recipient of Funds: Naval Activity South Potomac, Dahlgren, Virginia, Dahlgren, VA 22448

Project description and explanation of the request: This project will provide an addition to

the Electromagnetic Research and Engineering Facility (EMREF). This addition is required to facilitate the Directed Energy Technology Office at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren Division (NSWCDD) to meet its mission in Directed Energy research, development of prototypes and engineering development model systems and in fielding these prototypes to the warfighter. This project will provide laboratories and analysis spaces for wideband RF, High Powered Microwave, Pulsed Power and high energy laser systems engineering and development. This project provides necessary access to a maritime boundary layer environment and therefore is sited along the Potomac River Test Range. This project will house 25-30 engineers and scientists some of whom will be new hires. This project was developed because it represents the lost scope of another military construction project, P295, that was approved in Fiscal Year 2006. Due to high bids, only about 75% of the original facility could be built. This project provides the remaining 25% (6,500 SF). Funding will be used for electrical facilities (\$120,000), mechanical facilities (\$110,000), paving and site improvements (\$30,000), site preparations (\$110,000), demolition of previous buildings (\$230,000), anti-terrorism/force protection measures (\$180,000), information systems (\$60,000), built-in equipment (\$60,000), and technical operating manuals (\$40,000). I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

#### RECOGNIZING PATTI GILMORE OF HUTTO, TX

##### HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Patti Gilmore with the City of Hutto, Texas for her countless hours of volunteerism to the Team Hutto, Adopt-a-Unit Program.

The cities of Hutto and Taylor, Texas jointly adopted the 1-4 ARB Unit out of Fort Hood, Texas last year providing the deployed troops and their families with supplies, encouragement and a sense of family from their neighboring cities in Texas District 31. Patti has been instrumental in obtaining donations, organizing events and providing support to the deployed troops and their families. Her acts are a sign of true patriotism to our great nation and to the men and women who serve our country.

It is an honor to recognize Patti, and she continues to be a true inspiration through her acts of support and dedication.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

##### HON. KAY GRANGER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 23, 2009*

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